

What is Claimed is:

1. A gaming machine comprising: variable display means for variably displaying designs; a transparent liquid crystal display panel disposed in front of said variable display means through which the variable display means is able to be seen; a liquid crystal holder for holding the periphery of the display unit of said liquid crystal display panel; a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a light source to the rear side of said liquid crystal display panel; diffusion means for diffusing the light guided by the light guiding plate to equalize the light which illuminates said liquid crystal display panel; a black base frame attached in front of the machine for supporting said liquid crystal holder, said light guiding plate and said diffusion means such that the front of the display unit of the liquid crystal display panel has an opening; a transparent plate disposed in front of the base frame for closing the opening; and a rear holder for holding, said liquid crystal holder, said light guiding plate and said diffusion means supported by said base frame on said base frame from behind, and for reflecting the light emitted on said light guiding plate to

the side of said liquid crystal display panel,
the rear holder having one or more windows
allowing the designs variably displayed in said
variable display means to be observed.

5 2. The gaming machine according to claim
1, wherein said variable display means is one or
more rotatable reels each having a reel band
thereon, on which said designs are drawn.

10 3. The reel-based gaming machine
according to claims 1 or 2, characterized in that
said gaming machine is a slot machine.